

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 has been amended to read as follows:

In a presently preferred embodiment of the invention, the novel thin membranes (NTMs) can be manufactured using extrusion procedures, such as for example those known in the art for making non-NTM structures. The NTM extrusion procedures according to the invention advantageously can provide for efficient production of the membraneNTMs. Moreover, membraneNTMs which are manufactured by such NTM extrusion techniques can according to the invention be free from solvent trappings in the membraneNTM and, furthermore, according to the invention, can be provided with a molecular bias, including a predetermined molecular bias. Monoaxial extrusion may according to the invention be employed to manufacture the membraneNTMs in a preferred embodiment of the present invention. In a modified embodiment, biaxial extrusion procedures may according to the invention be implemented to manufacture the membraneNTMs. In one embodiment, a composition mixture comprising according to the invention an amorphous resorbable polymer, such as an amorphous lactide polymer, which can be for example poly L-lactide or more preferably poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide), is extruded to form an membrane of the present inventionNTM. In one embodiment, poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide) 70:30 Resomer LR708 (manufactured and supplied from Boehringer Ingelheim KG of Germany) is extruded according to the invention to form membranes of the present inventionNTMs.